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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MARUYAMA, Shigeyuki et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2829**

Serial No.: **10/685,542**

Examiner: **Russell M. KOBERT**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR TESTING DEVICE**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**DATED August 12, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: August 30, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **August 12, 2004**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species 79 of FIG. 34 corresponding to Claims 18-22, and Sub-Species 1 of FIG. 37A also according to the Requirements (item 3, page 9 of the Action) corresponding to Claim 23. Claims 18-22 and 23 read on these species and sub-species. The applicants reserve the right to file a divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Since claims 18-22 correspond to Species (79) as mentioned above, Species (80) and Species (81) should be-examined simultaneously in the present application. This is because Species (80) corresponds to claim 21 and Species (81) corresponds to claim 22, and both claims 21 and 22 also correspond to Species (79) first elected, as mentioned above.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 18-23 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time.

The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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